UNC School of Medicine
Global Health Elective
Student Feedback Form

Information that you provide will be made available for future UNC students to use in planning educational electives in global health and international medicine. It must be completed in order to receive elective credit for your rotation OR funding through the Office of International Activities (Becton-Tannenbaum, Perkins Burke, Medical Alumni Loyalty Fund Global Enrichment Fellowships and International Health Fellowships). Please complete and return to the Office of International Activities (shay.slifko@med.unc.edu or Martha.carlough@med.unc.edu)

I. STUDENT INFORMATION
A. Student Name: Olivia Chen
B. Email: olivia.chen@med.unc.edu
C. Phone/cell number (optional): 
D. Graduating year from UNC Medical School: 2017
E. Check when you took this elective:
   ___ Summer between 1st and 2nd year ___ 3rd year ___ 4th year ___ Other: 
F. What UNC Department and course did you register for this elective through? Peru 401
G. Faculty advisor: Dr. Marcos Aleman and Dr. Luis Diaz
H. Dates that you completed the elective: May 30 - June 26 Year: 2016
I. From the list below, select the one choice that best describes your motivation for taking this elective:
   ___ interest in global health ___ desire to get experience for CV/job opportunities
   ___ interest in travel ___ family of origin reasons
   ___ interest in helping others ___ other: 
   ___ desire to learn/improve Spanish skills

J. What was the major emphasis of this elective:
   ___ medical Spanish and Latino health
   ___ global health research
   ___ clinical care in an international setting
   ___ community health/development
   ___ Other: 

K. Was this a ___ group experience or ___ individual experience?

II. ELECTIVE PROGRAM INFORMATION
A. Country where you completed the elective: Peru
B. City: Trujillo
C. Name of Program or Hospital where you worked: UNT / El Hospital Regional Docente de Trujillo
D. Website address (if available): woodland.med.unc.edu/electivesbook/courses.aspx?dept=PERU
E. From the list below, select the choice that best describes how you first learned about this program:
   ___ referral from a friend/personal contact ___ another student who went there
   ___ website information from: see above ___ other: 

F. Name of program person you worked with and contact information: Dr. Jenny Valverde

G. Costs
   Tuition: $100 Roundtrip travel: ~$700
   Other expenses you incurred, including vaccinations, supplies (please list type and amount):
   $25 taxi/transportation
   $10 nitrile gloves
   ___________________________________
   ___________________________________
   ___________________________________

H. Did this program/hospital have a religious affiliation? ___YES ___NO
If yes, with what group: __________________________

I. Did this program/hospital have an academic affiliation?  x  YES  ____ NO
If yes, with what institution: Universidad Nacional de Trujillo

III. GLOBAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE CHARACTERISTICS
A. List three educational outcomes you achieved with this elective
1. Improved Spanish fluency
2. Learned about a different healthcare system / medical education system
3. Cultural exchange

B. Was the experience a good use of time for you during medical school?  x  YES  ____ NO
C. Did you have adequate clinical supervision?  x  YES  ____ NO
D. Did you have adequate opportunities for hands-on clinical work?  x  YES  ____ NO
E. Would you recommend this elective to other medical students?  x  YES  ____ NO

If YES, Why?  Perfect for those interested in improving Spanish fluency, learning about Peruvian culture / healthcare system
If NO, Why?  

F. Was the program responsive to your needs?  x  YES  ____ NO

G. Did you have appropriate arrangements for housing, food and safety/health issues?  x  YES  ____ NO
   Please describe:  absolutely, was hosted by a medical student and family and had everything I needed

H. Did you have adequate information about what to expect in advance?  x  YES  ____ NO
   What would have been helpful:  read previous evaluations of the course and talked with my host student

I. Did you feel that you had adequate support from UNC in setting up this opportunity?  x  YES  ____ NO

J. Please include any additional information or feedback you would like to include for students engaging in future international rotations:
I read in previous evaluations of the course that students should be aware of safety concerns before going; I’d agree that Trujillo is not a very touristic place and some parts are safer than others. Hosts and their families understandably do take precautions in accompanying students during travel to and from the hospital or about the city, especially in the early evening or night. Even though I experienced the city and the neighborhood that I lived in as being calm and safe, like living with a host family in any new city, but especially in an unfamiliar country/culture, students should expect and understand the need for gradual independence. That said, there are plenty of students/professors alike interested in showing you around, taking weekend trips to nearby sites, and sharing many aspects of their culture with you. A very welcoming experience and would highly recommend.

K. What could the OIA have done differently or better to support you in your international elective?:

THANK YOU!!! THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP FUTURE STUDENTS !!!

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